

"Mrs. SOBELL SPEAKS -----

"Mrs. Helen Sobell will be in Phoenix this week. She has been on a speaking tour of West coast cities, seeking help in securing the release or a new trial for her husband, Morton Sobell. She said her husband was a victim of 'national hysteria' which prevailed in this country during the Korean War.

"In recent years and particularly this year, many prominent theologians, scholars, lawyers, and judges have reviewed the transcript of his trial and have concluded that Sobell was unjustly accused.

"Author Carlton Beals says,  
'Sobell conviction is so absurd  
it is incredible.'

"Philosopher Bertrand Russell remarked,  
'Comparison of the witchcraft  
trials in Salem, Mass. with the  
Sobell case is unavoidable.'

"Atomic Scientist Dr. Harold C. Urey  
read transcript and said,  
'You cannot tell what Morton  
Sobell is even supposed to have  
done.'

"Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, together with  
six other eminent theologians stated  
flatly,  
'Sobell was never implicated with  
Atomic espionage.'

"Professor of Philosophy Dr. Horace M.  
Mallen, speaking before a rally attended  
by over 1,000 people, said, recently,  
'This kind of justice is a betrayal  
of our country to the world.'

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"Helen Sobell will speak at a meeting to be held at North Mountain Park in area #4 on Friday, Sept. 18th at 8 pm.

"You and your friends are cordially invited to attend.

"Refreshments will be served."

"Auspices: Freedom for Sobell Committee of Phoenix."

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He stated they had called on a lot of prominent people while HELEN SOBELL was in Phoenix and the reception was good in most cases. He said most of the people did not know anything about the "facts" of the case.

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On [REDACTED] advised  
that the Sobell Committee in Phoenix is not doing much,  
but surely could use some money.

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MINNIE PAPPAS

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MINNIE PAPPAS was a CP member in Phoenix,  
Arizona, in 1949.

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SARA SWING  
GAYLORD SWING

SARA and GAYLORD SWING were members of the  
Communist Party in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1955.

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[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] that SARA SWING and GAYLORD SWING are the leaders of the CP in Phoenix, Arizona.

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On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] admitted to Special Agents of the FBI that she joined the Communist Party [REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] admitted to Special Agents of the FBI that he had joined the Communist [REDACTED]

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Between 1954 and 1958, GUS PAPPAS with his wife MINNIE PAPPAS contributed to the "Daily People's World."

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The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily People's World", now known as the "People's World", became a weekly publication in February, 1957, and is a west coast Communist newspaper.

The September 19, 1959, issue of the "Arizona Republic", a morning newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix, Arizona, contained the following article concerning Mrs. MORTON SOBELL:

"The wife of Morton Sobell, convicted Soviet spy, is in Phoenix to organize a committee to work for the release of her husband from a 30-year term in federal prison.

"Sobell, an associate of Julius Rosenberg, executed atomic spy, was found guilty by a jury of violating the espionage act and sentenced to a maximum prison term in 1951.

"Mrs. Sobell, who lives in New York. where her husband was a college classmate of Rosenberg at City College, has had some initial success her, she said.

"Accompanied yesterday by a photographer, David Eisenstein, 111 Hatcher Rd., she visited persons active in public life to secure aid for her husband.

"She said Eisenstein was chairman of the Phoenix committee and identified a Mrs. Florence S. Stamler, of Scottsdale, as cochairman.

"The executive committee of the Phoenix Council of Churches was among the groups contacted by Mrs. Sobell.

"The committee said it would pass the matter on to its members for their study. It

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"favored retrial, however, only if the courts found the facts warranted such action.

"Mrs. Sobell is touring the country seeking to set up community councils to act as a part of a National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. She would not identify her sources of income.

"Mrs. Sobell, who is staying with Dr. Nora Ryan, child psychologist for the Phoenix school system, at 1002 E. Culver, claims her husband is innocent. She says the 'hysteria generated by Senator McCarthy' and the 'brutality' of the FBI were primarily responsible for the accusation and imprisonment of her husband.

"Mrs. Sobell said she will meet with private groups in Phoenix during her stay here. A meeting was held in Dr. Ryan's home Thursday night.

"Mrs. Ryan said, 'A Quaker friend of mine called to ask if I had a spare room for Mrs. Sobell. I've also let her use my telephone.'

The September 19, 1959, issue of the "Phoenix Gazette", an evening newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix, Arizona, contained the following article concerning the visit of Mrs. MORTON SOBELL:

"Mrs. Morton Sobell, wife of the electronic engineer convicted of stealing atomic secrets with the executed Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, is seeking support in Phoenix for her appeal for his release from prison and a new trial.

"She told her story to the executive committee of the Phoenix Council of Churches and will remain here until tomorrow talking to private gatherings.

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"Sobell is serving his 10th year of a 30-year sentence in a federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

"We want not only his freedom but his innocence established as well, with a new trial,' she said.

"Mrs. Sobell claims her husband's only connection with Rosenberg was that they attended college together and maintained an acquaintance through the years. (The Rosenbergs were executed for supplying atomic information to a spy ring working for Russia.)

"She further contends her husband, who was tried at the same time, was the victim of a 'national hysteria' which prevailed during the Korean War.

"Neither of us has ever belonged to the Communist Party,' she said.

"During the trial his attorneys, she said, convinced there was no case against her husband, thought it better not to have him testify when it could be brought out that he had had connections with left-wing discussion groups in college.

"Several Phoenix ministers, along with clergy of all dominations through the country, are signing petitions for his release, she said.

"As for Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit, her thoughts are 'I think that if his visit can make for peace it will be a good thing.'

"She not only believes in her husband's innocence, but also believes in the Rosenbergs' innocence.

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"'I can't know about them as I know about Morton, but from what I saw and heard during the trial I believe they were innocent,' Mrs. Sobell said."

The following editorial appeared in the September 22, 1959, issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix, Arizona:

**"HE'S NO DREYFUS**

"An attractive, soft-spoken intelligent brunette named Helen Sobell came to Phoenix last week to sell a bill of goods - and she found an amazing number of takers. She is the wife of Morton Sobell, who was convicted along with the Julius Rosenbergs of conspiracy to commit espionage. The Rosenbergs have been executed, and Sobell has served some 10 years of a 30-year federal prison sentence.

"Mrs. Sobell claims her husband was a victim of 'the hysteria of the McCarthy era.' She seeks 'justice' for him, but spurns parole, and wants either a new trial or a presidential pardon that would remove the spy stigma from her husband's record. While in Phoenix she raised funds to continue her campaign, which judging from her printed literature is already well financed. She persuaded the executive committee of the Phoenix Council of Ministers to pass a resolution in her behalf, although committee members admitted their knowledge of the Sobell case was largely limited to her presentation. She also organized a Phoenix Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell, which has promised to continue work to clear her husband's name. From Helen Sobell's standpoint, it was a productive visit.

"But what of the local residents who decided to carry a torch for a man convicted by a jury of his peers, whose lawyers carried his appeal all the

"way to the U. S. Supreme Court and used all of the many legal recourses that American jurisprudence affords? Are these Phoenix citizens willing, without personal study and high convictions of his innocence, to support a man who has had unstinted Communist help, who had gone to Mexico on the eve of his arrest, and who never would have stood trial if he hadn't been returned to this country? Do they honestly believe he was a victim of so-called McCarthyism, that there was no such thing as Soviet espionage, that the Rosenbergs and Hiss in this country, Klaus Fuchs in Britain, and Alan Nunn May in Canada were not all actively stealing secrets for the Soviet Union?

"If local supporters of Morton Sobell honestly believe he is innocent, they should work for his release from prison. But if they simply took the word of his wife - who is very loyal and very convincing - they should drop the case like a hot potato.

"Sobell is no Dreyfus. He is not an innocent victim of hysteria. Comparisons of him to Sacco and Venzetti are absurd. He had a fair trial, and he has consistently refused to give the authorities any information regarding the Communist apparatus, of which he has extensive knowledge. He deserves the punishment of any person who betrays his country."

On Friday evening September 18, 1959, a meeting of the Phoenix Freedom for Sobell Committee was held at the North Mountain Park, Area No. 4, Phoenix, Arizona. Approximately 26 persons attended. DAVE EISENSTEIN, Chairman of the Sobell Committee, reviewed Mrs. HELEN SOBELL's activities since her arrival in Phoenix. He mentioned that they had seen WILLIAM P. MAHONEY, former Maricopa County District Attorney, and had asked him to write a recommendation to the Parole Board for a parole for Mrs. SOBELL's husband, MORTON SOBELL. EISENSTEIN also mentioned that they had gone to see a professor and faculty

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head of the student publications at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. From there they went to see the Phoenix Council of Churches asking for their aid, the editor for the "Arizona Republic" and also representatives of the American Federation of Labor - CIO to get the support of the labor newspaper.

Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, the main speaker, talked about her husband's trial and criticized his being tried as a co-conspirator. She claimed that the United States Government originally wanted MORTON SOBELL as a witness, but he refused as he wanted to tell the "truth". Her talk generally covered the items mentioned in the pamphlet "Today's Verdict" which she asked everyone present to take and pass out to their friends.

[REDACTED] EISEN-STEIN announced that \$87.00 was collected at the meeting. He also announced that \$60.00 had been contributed at a gathering the night before.

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urged all persons present to write letters to the United States Parole Board and, if possible, to get lawyer friends to do likewise on behalf of the MORTON SOBELL.

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the local Sobell Committee was to sponsor the appearance of ANNETTE TETA RUBINSTEIN, a former New York University professor who was to be in Phoenix the second and third of February, 1960. The date and publicity for her appearance in Phoenix was

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carried by the "National Guardian". [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] letters of an appeal to President EISENHOWER to commute the sentence of MORTON SOBELL which should be signed by that person or passed out to their friends.

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A meeting was held at 2334 East Devonshire Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, on February 2, 1960. The guest speaker was ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN, a Shakespearean authority, who chose as her subject "Shakespeare and Sputnik versus Original Sin."

Mrs. RUBINSTEIN used her knowledge of Shakespeare to chart the course of man through the split in religion and a change in man's status due to mercantilism and the French Revolution. She stressed the idea of man's replacing his dependence on God with faith in man's ability. Mrs. RUBINSTEIN further stated that SOBELL is a political prisoner and that he has been offered his freedom if he were willing to lie and say that he is guilty. Letter kits containing five identical unsigned letters directed to the President of the United States calling for a commutation of SOBELL's sentence were distributed. DAVE EISENSTEIN announced that \$15.25 was collected.

**MAX MANDEL**

The March 19, 1950, issue of the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph," a daily newspaper of general circulation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reported that MAX MANDEL, a

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violinist for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, was fired from his position when he was expelled from the American Federation of Musicians, Local 60, AFL, after MATT CVETIC testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that MAX MANDEL was a Communist Party member.

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IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy from June, 1943, to 1945, while attending New York University, New York, New York.

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Minister, The Unitarian Church of Marin, at a meeting in the Tamalpais Centre Women's Club, Kentfield, California.

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3. One page mimeographed leaflet dated December 18, 1959, and captioned "NEW APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BY PHILOSOPHERS BERTRAND RUSSELL AND MARTIN BUBER" and indicated to be "MEMO #55", on letterhead of CSJMS.

Two page mimeographed leaflet containing the "Text of an Editorial from the St. Petersburg, Florida, 'Times', November 14, 1959", entitled: "WHO'S GIVING AWAY SECRETS NOW?"

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4. Three page mimeographed leaflet dated January 15, 1960, indicated to be "MEMO #56" on letterhead of CSJMS. Enclosed was a printed unsigned letter addressed to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, The White House, Washington, D. C. asking that the sentence of MORTON SOBELL be commuted to the time served.
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5. A one page mimeographed letter dated January 5, 1960, on the letterhead of the CSJMS, addressed

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to President Dwight D. Eisenhower from Mrs. MORTON (HELEN) SOBELL and Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, Co-Charimen, which enclosed a sixteen page mimeographed "Report to Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, submitted by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell for the period of January 1, 1959, to January 1, 1960."



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6. Two page mimeographed leaflet dated January 29, 1960, and indicated as "MEMO #57" on the letterhead of the CSJMS, New York. Also a release of the CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, captioned: "NOTABLES FROM ISRAEL APPEAL TO EISENHOWER TO RELEASE MORTON SOBELL FROM PRISON."
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APPENDIX

"National Guardian"  
Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception, notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 Report of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Page 394.)

The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 17 Murray Street, New York 7, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

March 17, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dated 3/17/60 at Phoenix, Arizona.

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Confidential informants [REDACTED]  
mentioned in the referenced report, have furnished  
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Re WFO letter dated 1/28/60 captioned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] aka.; SM-C".

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[REDACTED] advised SA JOHN A. HAAG on 2/12/60, that  
the person in the photograph identified as SARAH HAMMOND  
is identical with the person previously identified by the  
informant as being "SARAH from Washington, D.C." [REDACTED]

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Continued efforts will be made by the NYO to  
interview [REDACTED] and the results will be  
furnished to WFO.

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*Freedom for Morton Sobell* was urged by 15 prominent Israelis in a letter to Eisenhower by Dr. E. J. Jarus, head of the Israeli League for the Rights of Man. Not committing themselves on the issue of innocence, the 15, of different political views, urge clemency. They are Dr. Ludwig Baehr, Prof. Samuel Hugo Bergman, Hebrew U., Nathan Bistrizky, author, Nathan Hofshi, head, Israel Branch, War Resisters' International, Dr. Samuel Eisenstadt, Jacob Gruenbaum, former Minister of Interior, Dr. Martin Hirshfeld, Weizmann Institute, Mrs. Margot Klausner, Dr. Martin Nathan, Prof. M. Reiner and Dr. Naf-tali Schweid of Technion, Prof. Ernst Simon, Hebrew U., Prof. N. H. Tur-Sinai, head of the Academy of the Hebrew Language, Prof. Anna Weizmann, Weizmann Institute.

"Jewish Currents" March, 1960, page 21

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

## REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/18/59, at Albany.  
 Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/28/60 at New York. **b7c**

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

This report is classified Confidential because the data reported by [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of a Confidential Informant of continuing value and compromise his future effectiveness. b7D

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ALBANY OFFICE

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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Copy to: 1-G-2, New York; 1-OSI, Rome, New York  
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: ALBANY  
Date: 3/18/60

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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
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Synopsis: Syracuse Sobell Committee identified as affiliate of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York. LILLIAN REINER, according to informant, was listed as Chairman of Syracuse Sobell Committee and this same informant furnished information reflecting JANE ANDERSON as Secretary-Treasurer. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

PREFACE

On March 14, 1960, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Syracuse Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell', the Rosenbergs codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case.' (The 'Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications' dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60)."

In September, 1954, the name National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the new name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

[REDACTED] furnished information that showed that the Syracuse Sobell Committee was affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and that the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, had been formed for five years. b7D

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that the Syracuse Sobell Committee is still in existence. b7D

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] furnished information showing that LILLIAN REINER (Mrs. HOWARD REINER), 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, was Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee as of February, 1959. b7D

[REDACTED] furnished information on [REDACTED] which showed that JANE ANDERSON was Secretary-Treasurer of the Syracuse Sobell Committee. b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that LILLIAN REINER, as of March 11, 1951, was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time, but as Chairman of the American Labor Party, was closely associated with Communist Party members. b7D

See appendix for characterization of the American Labor Party.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that JANE ANDERSON was a long time member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York. b7D

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] furnished [REDACTED] the following  
information:

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2. A leaflet entitled "When Conscience Speaks" which is stated to be a sermon delivered by Rev. Samuel A. Wright, Jr., Minister, Unitarian Church of Marin, Meeting in the Tamalpais Centre Women's Club, Kentfield, California, delivered on April 12, 1959.
  3. A printed letter, undated, which is quoted as follows:



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"President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

"Dear Mr. President:

"I wish to add my voice to those of the many clergymen and other eminent Americans recommending a commutation of sentence for Morton Sobell, who is enduring his 10th year of imprisonment.

"I hope that you will grant freedom this holiday season to Mr. Sobell -- many of our distinguished citizens believe he was convicted on flimsy testimony and given an unduly harsh sentence.

"Season's greetings and best wishes of good health for you and your family.

"Sincerely yours,"

## APPENDIX

### AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \*\*\* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Albany, New York

March 18, 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, and to  
Confidential Informants [REDACTED] mentioned therein. b7c b7D

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SYNOPSIS:

## REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/25/59, at Washington, D.C., and report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/28/60, at New York. **b7c**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Special Agents participating in the fisur of the Sobell Committee meeting held at the Washington Fellowship House, Washington, D.C., on February 26, 1960, were SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] observed all the individuals in attendance at this meeting as reported in the details of this report. SA [REDACTED] observed the following individuals in attendance: CASEY GUREWITZ, BILL JOHNSON, ABE KOTELCHUCK, JULIA KOTELCHUCK, MEYER KRAUS, DAVID H. SCULL, GERHARD VAN ARKEL, and Dr. RAYMOND WILSON. **b7c**

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Organization

Sources

Committee to Secure Justice  
For Morton Sobell

None

Emma Lazarus Club of  
Washington, D.C.

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Emma Lazarus Federation of  
Jewish Women's Club

None

"Morning Freiheit"

None

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Communist Party (CP) and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Names of individuals designated by an asterisk (\*) throughout this report will be identified in a special section at the end of this report.

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I. BACKGROUND

[REDACTED] reported that the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) is the current affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell (CSJMS) located in New York City. Informant reported that WSC is the successor group to the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which was formed in Washington, D.C., in 1952. b7D

Informant reported on [REDACTED] that the WSC remains in existence in Washington, D.C., but that this organization has been rather inactive recently. Informant added that the main objectives of the WSC are to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL, who is a prisoner in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, and to embarrass the United States Government where possible. Informant advised that the WSC currently follows the CP line regarding the Sobell Case. b7D

A description of CSJMS is included in the appendix of this report.

II. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] reported that the WSC had no permanent headquarters in the Washington, D.C., area. b7D

III. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] reported that ETHEL WEICHBROD\* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\* have been leaders of the WSC in the past. Informant said that SARAH HAMMOND\* has also taken an active role in the WSC in the past. b7D

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It is to be noted that WF T-4, in December, 1958, reported that SARAH HAMMOND\* of 8802 Glennville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, in December, 1958, received correspondence from the CSJ.S Headquarters, 940 Broadway, New York City, which was addressed as follows: "SARAH HAMMOND, Washington Committee".

#### IV. FUNDS

WF T-5, in December, 1959, reported that a meeting of the Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D.C., (ELCW), was held in Washington, D.C., on December 15, 1959. Informant said that individuals in attendance at this meeting voted to give ROSE SOBELL, currently visiting in Washington, D.C., \$25.00 in connection with work being done to gain freedom for her son. Informant said that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN\*, who was in attendance at this meeting, said she would give additional \$25.00 to ROSE SOBELL in honor of being President of the ELCW.

A description of the ELCW is contained in the appendix to this report.

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[REDACTED] reported that a collection was taken up at the Sobell Committee meeting held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that it was announced at this meeting that \$180.00 had been received from this collection. b7D

V. ACTIVITY

A. Visits to Washington, D.C., by AARON KATZ\* and ROSE SOBELL

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It is noted that [REDACTED] reported AARON KATZ\* is an East Coast organizer of the CSMS, National Headquarters, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City. b2

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[REDACTED] in February, 1960, reported that AARON KATZ\* arrived in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, February 21, 1960, and would remain in Washington; the entire week. Informant said that KATZ\* was at that time staying at the Monmouth Hotel, 1825 G Street, N.W. b2

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[REDACTED] both reported [REDACTED] that ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, was currently visiting Washington, D.C., for the purpose of contacting important people in order to obtain her son's release from prison. b20

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[REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] that ROSE SOBELL is attempting to see President EISENHOWER but to date she has been unsuccessful. b7D

In December, 1959, T-5 reported that a meeting in behalf of the "Morning Freiheit" was held in Washington, on December 6, 1959, and that the chairman of this meeting introduced Mrs. ROSE SOBELL to those in attendance. Informant reported SOBELL said she expected to be in Washington until Christmas and that she had come to Washington, to plead on behalf of her son and in this connection has been trying to see some high officials in the government. Informant said SOBELL appealed to persons in attendance at this meeting to write personal letters to President EISENHOWER asking for her son's release. Informant said SOBELL mentioned that every letter counts and that every letter is read and that she thanked the people for their past support. Informant said SOBELL was warmly received at this meeting.

The "Morning Freiheit" is described in the appendix.

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B. Meeting February 26, 1960.

[REDACTED] Included in this literature was the following announcement of a meeting to be held in Washington, D.C.: b7D

"You are cordially invited to participate in a discussion of An Urgent Public Issue - The Case of MORTON SOBELL, Friday, Feb. 26, 8:15 P.M., Washington Fellowship House, 945 L Street, N.W. (corner 10th). No admission charge. Speakers: Mr. GERHARD VAN ARKEL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL. Question and Discussion Period. Chairman: DAVID H. SCULL, Chairman, Social Order Committee, Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends."

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that on that date from 8:00 p.m. to 10:05 p.m., a meeting was held at the Washington Fellowship House, 947 L Street, N.W., concerning the Morton Sobell Case, which was attended by approximately 65 people. GERHARD VAN ARKEL, local attorney, was introduced as the first speaker by DAVID H. SCULL, Chairman, identified on the program as Social Order Committee Chairman, Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends. VAN ARKEL stated that his opinion concerning this case was his own and that he knew the audience was not interested in it, but that he wanted to present certain facts concerning this matter that casts doubts upon MORTON SOBELL's guilt. He stated that the trial, itself, was held at the time of the Korean War in an atmosphere of hysteria created by former Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY, and in a time when all felt that the Russians were not capable of producing an atomic bomb. He continued that SOBELL should have been tried separately and not linked to the ROSENBERGS. He stated that the trial itself lasted fourteen days and was tried by honest jurors, and was later reviewed by eminent jurors of the Second Court of Appeals. He stated that Justice FRANK alone dissented, and this itself shows that a doubt can be cast on SOBELL's guilt. However, he pointed out that the threat of the atomic bomb and the guilt of the ROSENBERGS must certainly have swayed the jurors because of the atmosphere of the times and its resultant hysteria. He stated that if SOBELL were to be tried today, away from this area of hysteria, and, solely on the facts of his own complicity, he would certainly be acquitted. He stated that the charge that SOBELL was using various aliases while in Mexico certainly did not deter the Mexican authorities, in obvious cooperation with the FBI from forcibly abducting him and holding him without b7D

indictment. He stated that another fact that casts great doubt is whether SOBELL, having been informed by MAX ELITCHER, a self-confessed perjurer, that ELITCHER was being followed by the FBI, would, in ELITCHER's presence, leave the car in which he was riding with ELITCHER, and which car was being followed by the FBI, and go alone to ROSENBERG's room and give ROSENBERG "what appeared to ELITCHER to be a microfilm contained documents". VAN ARKEL continued that the sentence of 30 years meted out to SOBELL was quite apparently not commensurate with his guilt in this matter, and the deliberate sentencing of him to Alcatraz, where only hardened felons were incarcerated, was certainly a vindictiveness on the part of the government.

[REDACTED] following VAN ARKEL's speech, SCULL, noted above, announced that he had received a telegram from Congressman RANDALL S. HARMON of the Tenth District of Indiana, stating that he was in sympathy with their cause and was preparing a bill to introduce into Congress requesting the release of SOBELL. He stated that he also had a letter from Congressman WILLIAM MEYER of Vermont, advising of his own sympathy with their cause. SCULL then introduced the principal speaker of the evening, HELEN SOBELL\*, the wife of MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] HELEN SOBELL\* stated that she spoke, not as VAN ARKEL or anyone else, but as the wife of a man who was not guilty, who had served ten years in jail from his thirty-third to his forty-fourth year. She stated that her husband was "brutally abducted and brutally beaten," and held without indictment for a period of 40 days in kidnapped confinement while ROY COHN, later to be the leader of Senator JOE McCARTHY staff, attempted to get him to confess to a guilt that was not his, or to manufacture testimony of lies against the ROSENBERGS. She continued that it was only after this period of 40 days when it was obvious to COHN, that her husband would not give false testimony against the ROSENBERGS, that his name was actually added to the list of co-conspirators. She urged those present to form a local committee in the nation's capital to help in this fight for her husband's release. She stated that it was very important to have a committee in the nation's capital, and because local newspapers are prominent and could assist in giving her husband his release. She said that while no organization of such a committee would take place at this particular meeting, those interested in such a committee should leave their names and addresses, and they would be contacted in the near future. Mrs. SOBELL stated there are three avenues of action in connection with her husband's release, as follows: b7D



1. Through the courts.
2. Through parole.
3. Through executive clemency.

She urged all in attendance to write personal letters to President EISENHOWER requesting the release of her husband. Mrs. SOBELL made an appeal for funds needed to operate the organization. A collection was held and it was announced that \$185 had been received.

[REDACTED] reported concerning a meeting which was held on February 26, 1960, at 8:15 p.m. at the Washington Fellowship House, 945 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., concerning the Morton Sobell Case. b20

Informant said the chairman of the meeting was DAVID H. SCULL. Speakers at this meeting were GERHARD VAN ARKEL, Mrs. HELEN SOBELL\*, wife of MORTON SOBELL, and Dr. WILSON, identified as the National Legislative Chairman of the Friends. Informant said there between 40-50 people were in attendance at this function, 6-8 of whom were Negroes. Informant reported a collection was taken up from this group and it announced that \$180.00 was realized from this collection.

Informant said that a Mr. KATZ\* and a Mr. HAMMOND, who is a professor at Howard University, Washington, D.C., appeared to be in charge of arranging the meeting place. Informant said that later during the meeting Mr. KATZ\* and Mr. HAMMOND passed baskets for contributions.

Informant said that VAN ARKEL, in his talk, stated he did not want to give his own opinion of the Sobell Case, but would point out certain facts that cast doubts upon MORTON SOBELL's guilt. He said the trial was held during the Korean conflict, in an atmosphere of hysteria caused by the late Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY. He said in reading the transcript one is amazed at the small number of times that SOBELL's name is mentioned. He said that one witness in this case was the basis for the conviction. He stated if the SOBELL trial were held today, he, VAN ARKEL, is convinced he would be allowed to go free.

Informant said that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL\*, in her talk, gave a history of the case from the viewpoint of being the wife of MORTON SOBELL and who knows he is innocent of the crime charged. Mrs. SOBELL\* carried the case from the time they were picked up by the Mexican Police to the present time. She urged those in attendance to give funds for the cause of MORTON

SOBELL and to write to President EISENHOWER asking for executive clemency for SOBELL. She also asked the persons present consider forming a committee to assist SOBELL in Washington, D.C., and asked that those interested leave their names and addresses. She also requested that persons present write to local papers asking for SOBELL's release.

Informant said that Dr. WILSON, in his talk, agreed with both previous speakers concerning the Sobell Case in that he felt that there were glaring deviations from constitutional rights in that one witness was the basis for total evidence. He said the case shows there is very definitely a basis for reconsideration.

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Informant said it was announced at this meeting that several letters had been received from persons associated with Congress who regretted they could not attend this meeting and who felt sympathy for MORTON SOBELL.

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald" daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C., in its edition of Saturday, February 27, 1960, page A-9, columns 2-3 contains the following article concerning the captioned meeting:

**"REOPENING OF SOBELL SPY CASE URGED HERE"**

"Reconsideration of the case of MORTON SOBELL, sentenced to 30 years in Federal prison for espionage as an accomplice of convicted atom spies JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, was urged here last night.

"About 70 persons, meeting at the Washington Fellowship House, 945 L St. NW., heard GERHARD P. VAN ARKEL, Washington attorney, describe SOBELL's trial as fair, but taking no stand on his guilt or innocence, though he branded his sentence as 'grossly unjust.'

"HELEN SOBELL, the prisoner's wife, proclaimed his innocence and declared she would press for his

vindication even if he were freed at once by clemency or parole.

"RAYMOND WILSON, executive secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, announced that 'whether innocent or guilty, MORTON SOBELL has become a symbol of whether a society will exact the last pound of flesh.'

"DAVID SCULL, Annandale printer, praised 'a disinterested concern for pure justice' and read messages of support for SOBELL from Reps. RANDALL S. HARMON (D-Ind.), WILLIAM H. MEYER (D-Vt.) and JOHN A. BLATNIK (D-Minn.).

"What happened to us could have happened to anyone,' said Mrs. SOBELL, charging that Mexican police seized her husband on Aug. 16, 1950, as 'JOHNNY JOHNSON,' wanted for an Acapulco bank robbery, and beat him brutally while taking the SOBELLs to FBI custody in Laredo, Tex.

"Forty days later, she charged, when SOBELL refused to become a witness against the ROSENBERGs, his name was added to the indictment against them.

"SOBELL's trial VAN ARKEL said, was conscientious but preoccupied with the ROSENBERGs and DAVID GREENGLASS. The only witness to link SOBELL with the ROSENBERGs, he said, was MAX ELITSCHER, who, he averred, gave no evidence that SOBELL passed atomic secrets."

"The Washington Daily News" daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C., in its edition of Saturday, February 27, 1960, on page 12, contained the following article concerning the above meeting:

**"SOBELL CONVICTION 'DEBATABLE'"**

"GERHARD VAN ARKEL, prominent Washington attorney, last night said that MORTON SOBELL - sentenced in 1951 for conspiring to commit espionage - was convicted as a 'tail on the kite of the Rosenberg case.'

"Mr. VAN ARKEL said that he thinks it probable that if SOBELL were tried today, without the ROSENBERGs as co-defendants, he would be acquitted.

"Meeting"

"A meeting called at the Washington Fellowship House last night heard Mr. VAN ARKEL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and Dr. RAYMOND WILSON, executive secretary of the Friends Committee, speak on behalf of Mr. SOBELL who is in Atlanta, serving a 30-year sentence.

"Mr. VAN ARKEL said that it is 'wrong to think of the Sobell case as a breakdown of justice' and that there was no conspicuous mishandling of the prosecution as the historical Dreyfus case.

"Debate"

"But he said he does believe the conviction - on the evidence of one man who had earlier admitted committing perjury by falsely signing a non-communist affidavit - was debatable and the 30-year sentence 'grossly unjust.'

"He pointed out that others, here and in England, who were unquestionably guilty of espionage have received much lighter sentences.

"Mrs. SOBELL reviewed the circumstances of her husband's arrest and trial and said he was totally innocent.

"The audience contributed \$180 toward efforts to have SOBELL released."

SAs of the FBI on Friday evening, February 26, 1960, at about 8:40 p.m. observed the following individuals in attendance at a meeting being held on the second floor auditorium of the Washington Fellowship House, 945 L Street, N.W. Mrs. HELEN SOBELL was addressing the group at this time:

AL BERNSTEIN\*  
SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\*  
ABE BLOOM\*  
CASSEY GUREWITZ\*  
SARAH HAMMOND\*  
DAVE HAMMOND\*  
BULL JOHNSON\*  
AARON KATZ\*  
ABE KOTELCHUCK\*  
JULIA KOTELCHUCK\*  
MEYER KRAUS\*

DAVE REIN\*  
GERHARD VAN ARKEL  
ETHEL WEICHBROD\*  
DAVID H. SCULL  
Dr. RAYMOND WILSON

C. Literature Distribution

██████████ reported ██████████ that the following literature was made available to all present at the Sobell Committee meeting held at the Washington Fellowship House, 945 L Street, N.W., on February 26, 1960:

1. A fourteen page pamphlet entitled "COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL," 940 Broadway (Entrance on 22nd Street), New York 10, New York, listing forty-three sponsors of this committee, which contained an appeal to the President of the United States, submitted by this committee for the period January 1, 1959, to January 1, 1960.

2. A one page appeal to President EISENHOWER, also containing the list of above sponsors, on behalf of SOBELL to be signed individually and mailed to the White House.

3. A reprint from the April, 1959, "Intercollegian," the Sixth Assembly of the Student Young Men's Christian Association - Young Women's Christian Association, concerning the case of MORTON SOBELL. This reprint handled as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

4. A copy of a letter printed in the "New York Times" issue of February 16, 1960, signed by NATHAN GLAZER, SIDNEY HOOK, IRVING KRISTOL, and DWIGHT MacDONALD, dated February 9, 1960. Also reprinted by the above committee.

5. A reprint from "The Washington Post," dated February 12, 1960, captioned "ERA OF MCCARTHY STILL HAUNTS HILL" by MARQUIS CHILDS. Also reprinted by this Committee.

6. A copy of the paper "Today's Verdict" dated July, 1959, with banner: "Public Opinion Uniting in Urgent Appeal for Morton Sobell's Freedom or New Trial; Noted Americans Urge Commutation after Independent Study of Trial".

7. "The Catholic Worker" issue of April-May, 1959, with article entitled "Time, Conscience, and the Sobell Case" on page two.

8. A pamphlet entitled "When Conscience Speaks" being a copy of "A Sermon delivered by Reverend SAMUEL A. WRIGHT, JR.," Minister of the Unitarian Church of Marin, meeting in the Tamalpais Centre Women's Club, Kentfield, California.

[REDACTED] included in this material was "A Report to ~~Dr.~~ D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States, Submitted by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell for the Period of January 1, 1959, to January 1, 1960". The front cover of this report, prepared in booklet form, contains a copy of a letter, as follows: b7D

"January 5, 1960

"Mrs. MORTON SOBELL"  
"Mrs. ROSE SOBELL"  
"Chairmen

"President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
"The White House  
"Washington, D.C.

"Dear President EISENHOWER:

"It is with a great sense of urgency that, on behalf of our committee, we transmit to you this report which has been prepared for your personal study concerning the case of MORTON SOBELL.

"As MORTON's wife and mother, we hope and pray that you will read this report of the public concern about his case during 1959.

"Despite all of the suffering our family has endured, our faith that you will grant MORTON SOBELL a commutation of sentence gives us the courage to continue working to undo a terrible wrong.

"It is our sincere wish that you might grant us an appointment to discuss this personally with you.

"Very truly yours,

"/s/ HELEN SOBELL" ROSE SOBELL  
"Mrs. MORTON SOBELL" Mrs. ROSE SOBELL  
Co-Chairmen"

D. Letters to the Press, Washington, D.C.

"The Washington Post and Times Herald" daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C., in its edition of January 22, 1960, on page A-14 contained the following article in the column letters to the editor:

"PLEA FOR SOBELL"

"As the mother of MORTON SOBELL, certain not only of my son's goodness but of his absolute innocence of any crime, I wish to thank the more than 700 clergymen of all faiths who have signed the appeal to President EISENHOWER, calling for a new trial or freedom for my son.

"The appeal was initiated by Rev. PETER McCORMACK, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz, who became convinced of my son's innocence during the years he came to know my son very intimately, at Alcatraz.

"It is unthinkable that in our democratic America a man could be in his tenth year in prison on the vague and uncorroborated word of only one witness.

"And aren't ordinary doubts compounded when we realize that the trial took place midst Korean wartime hysteria, which was a time of great tensions, and that the testimony of this sole witness was never reviewed by any court in the land?

"I am hopeful that our President, motivated by the same high ideals of justice and humanity which inspired these wonderful clergymen, will listen to their appeal and free my son, for those people who look into this case can't help but feel the grave injustice done to my son. If the public would only study the case and make its views known to the President, I am sure I'd see my son home again soon, restored to his family where he belongs. ROSE SOBELL, The Bronx, N.Y."

"The Washington Post and Times Herald" in its edition of February 24, 1960, page A-12, column 5, contained the following article in the column under letters to the editor:

"The news of a reprieve for CARYL CHESSMAN and the State Department's concern about foreign reactions recalls when some years ago another execution was imminent.

"A man and his wife (the ROSENBERGs) were put to death in spite of protests, prayers and appeals from all over the world.

"One victim of that period of hysteria is still in our prisons, MORTON SOBELL. Appeals for his release have come from such outstanding world figures as BERTRAND RUSSELL and ALBERT SCHWEITZER.

"Have we overcome McCarthyism sufficiently and grown up enough to admit our mistake and release SOBELL? LEO ORBACH, Rockville."

V. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

AL BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] identified AL BERNSTEIN b7D  
as a current CI member.

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] identified SYLVIA b7D  
BERNSTEIN as CP member.

ABE BLOOM

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] stated he had no  
knowledge of CP membership on the part of ABE BLOOM but b7D  
that BLOOM is an individual who supports CP policies.

CASEY GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] identified CASEY b7D  
GUREWITZ as a CP member as of October 6, 1958.



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JENNIE JAFFEE

WF T-17 on June 13, 1956, provided information which showed that JENNIE JAFFEE, 939 Longfellow Street, Washington, D.C., was transferred from the Florida CP to the CP District which includes Maryland-District of Columbia. Informant said he did not know the date of transfer but noted that dues were paid through July, 1955.

BILL JOHNSON

[REDACTED] on January 18, 1960, identified BILL JOHNSON as the Chairman of the CP in Washington, D.C. b7D

AARON KATZ

WF T-18, on April 27, 1944, reported that AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the waterfront section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to informant, KATZ, in 1944, held CP membership book number 31250.

ABE and JULIA KOTELCHUCK

[REDACTED] reported on March 27, 1958, that ABE and JULIA KOTELCHUCK were current members of the northwest section of the CP, Baltimore, Maryland. b7D  
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LEO ORBACH

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advised that during this period ORBACH was openly critical of the United States and at the same time praised the Soviet Union. b7D

[REDACTED]  
HELEN SOBELL

[REDACTED] identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C., as of February 1, 1944. b7D

JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD

[REDACTED] on February 23, 1955, advised that [REDACTED] CP member stated that JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD admitted to him that they were current CP members. b7D

VII. APPENDIX

## **COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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EMMA LAZARUS CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D. C. (ELCW)

A source on 6/16/51, furnished information reflecting that there was in existence in Washington, D. C., an organization of the Emma Lazarus Women's Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO), of the International Workers Order (IWO).

[REDACTED]

In November, 1959, this second source advised that [REDACTED] it was stated that the ELCW is a part of the ELF and that it was the Club's responsibility to carry out the directives of the Federation, whose national offices are located in New York City. b7d

This second source also advised that [REDACTED] it was stated by an officer of the ELCW that the Club participates in all local activity which is "progressive in nature." b7d

On January 19, 1960, a third source stated that the ELCW was in existence and holding meetings as of that date.

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The ELF is characterized separately in the appendix.

**EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS, aka ELF**

"The Jewish Fraternalist", dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

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The "Morning Freiheit" is characterized separately in the appendix.

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**"MORNING FREIHEIT"**

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE,  
Congressional Record, September 24,  
1942, p.7686.
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest  
organs of Communist propaganda in this  
country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House Report 1311 on the CIO Political  
Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-25474

Washington 25, D.C.

MAR 23 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT  
OF 1950

[REDACTED] utilized in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Washington, D.C., was in a position to furnish reliable information. b7c b7D

All of the other confidential informants used in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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3956	3-23-60	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
3957	3-23-60	SL LETTER TO HQ (2 pages) WITH LHM ENCLOSURE (8 pages)	10	—	NY FILE 100-109849
3958	3-24-60	NY LETTER TO WFO	5	—	NY FILE 100-109849
3959	3-25-60	NY LETTER TO HQ w/ENCL	3/11	2/0	
3960	3-28-60	NY LETTER TO LA	3	—	NY FILE 100-109849
3960A	3-28-60	NY LETTER TO LA	4	—	NY FILE 100-109849
		CAPTION: THIRD PARTY			
3960B	3-28-60	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
		CAPTION: THIRD PARTY			
3960C	3-31-60	CI LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3961	3-31-60	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	0	
3961A	4-5-60	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
3961B	4-6-60	LA SA TO SAC MEMO	1	—	NY FILE 100-109849
3961C	4-7-60	HQ LETTER TO SL	1	1	

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3962	4-7-60	NH LETTER TO NY	3	3	
3962A	4-7-60	NH LETTER TO NY	2	2	
3962B	4-7-60	NH LETTER TO NY	4	4	
3962C	4-7-60	NH LETTER TO NY	4	4	
3963	4-7-60	CAPTION: THIRD PARTY WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3963A	4-7-60	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
3963B	4-8-60	HQ LETTER TO NH	1	1	
3963C	4-8-60	SE REPORT TO HQ CAPTION: THIRD PARTY	17	16	
3964	4-5-60	DE SA TO SAC MEMO	9	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3964A	4-11-60	NEWSPAPER CLIPPING	1	1	
3964B	4-12-60	NY LETTER TO NH	3	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3964C	4-12-60	NYSA TO SAC MEMO	4	-	NY FILE 100-109849

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3965	4-12-60	MI REPORT TO HQ	12	12	
3965A	4-12-60	NY LETTER TO AL	4	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3965B	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3965C	3-7-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3966	2-18-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3966A	2-15-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3966B	2-5-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3966C	2-5-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3967	2-18-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3967A	3-7-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3967B	3-7-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3968	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	

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3969	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3970	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	0	
3971	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	0	
3972	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	0	
3973	4-13-60	SL LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3974	4-13-60	LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3975	4-13-60	NH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3975A	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3975B	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3975C	3-8-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3975D	2-15-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	-	NY FILE 100-109849
3976	4-14-60	HQ LETTER TO LA	2	0	

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3976A	4-14-60	LA SA TO SAC MEMO	6	—	NY FILE 100-109849
3976B	4-14-60	LA SA TO SAC MEMO	7	0	
3977	4-15-60	NY SA TO SAC MEMO	2	—	NY FILE 100-109849
3978	4-6-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3979	4-6-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3980	4-6-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3981	4-6-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3982	4-20-60	ROUTING SLIP AND MM LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
3983	4-20-60	CAPTION: THIRD PARTY LA LETTER TO HQ	3	3	
3984	4-21-60	PH AIRTEL TO HQ CAPTION: THIRD PARTY	1	1	
3984A	4-21-60	NYSA TO SAC MEMO	6	0	
3985	4-22-60	NH AIRTEL TO HQ	4	4	

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3985A	4-22-60	NY SUPERVISOR TO SAC MEMO	3	3	
3986	4-12-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3987	4-12-60	COVER SHEET (FD-306)	1	D	
3988	4-25-60	SL LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3989	4-27-60	NY LETTER TO WFO	2	2	
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) DATE: APR 25 1957

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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MORTON SOBELL  
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NY 100-107111

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-412472)

3/23/60

SAC, WFO (100-35291)

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SM - C  
(OO: WFO)

ReWFOlet to the Bureau, dated 1/23/60, captioned as above, and New York letter to WFO, dated 3/17/60, captioned "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL."

Referenced NYlet advised that on [REDACTED] identified the subject as being identical with [REDACTED] b7d

Referenced NYlet also stated that [REDACTED] Attempts to exhibit subject's photograph to [REDACTED] have been negative to date, but NY advised continued efforts will be made to interview this informant. b7d

The NYO is requested to expedite the lead requesting that [REDACTED] be contacted and ascertain if this source can identify the subject's photograph as being identical to [REDACTED] b7d

Inasmuch as the NYO is having difficulty in recontacting [REDACTED] and there is no other outstanding lead in this matter, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status until this lead is covered. b7D

When the NYO has covered the above-mentioned lead, WFO will close this case administratively. Any pertinent information received from the NYO will be included in the next annual report submitted on the subject.

PM.  
2 - Bureau  
② - New York (PM)  
(1 - 100-107111) (CSJMS)  
1 - WFO

ACD:lj  
(5)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

3/31/60

SAC, CINCINNATI (80-572)

[REDACTED] b7c

New York memo to Washington Field March 24, 1960, captioned "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, INTERNAL SECURITY - C" mentions that [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

Remylet to Bureau 12/29/59 concerning favorable contact with [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] b7c

We do not have prior information in Cincinnati concerning any association between [REDACTED] and the Committee to Secure Justice of MORTON SOBELL. There seems to be no reason why [REDACTED] should not be weaned from this group through SOG liaison. b7c

Cleveland, New York, and Washington Field should review files to ascertain what if any connection [REDACTED] has with this group and refer same to SOG and Cincinnati. SOG will then consider whether contact with [REDACTED] would be desirable. b7c

- 2 - Bureau
  - 1 - Cleveland
  - ① - New York (100-107111)
  - 1 - WFO
  - 1 - Cincinnati (80-572)
- EDM/dlk  
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[REDACTED] b7c

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**FILE #** 100-107111

**SUBJECT** ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

**SERIAL** 3961A **DATE** 4-5-60

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SAC, St. Louis (100-11726)

April 7, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387935)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SONELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet 3-23-60 incorporating information  
developed by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b7d

[REDACTED]

b7c

The New York Office should advise by return  
mail whether any additional details concerning this  
activity has come to its attention which might  
supplement the information set out in relet.

2 - New York (100-107111)

3964C



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 4/7/60

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

On 3/10/60 [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a letter on the letterhead of the captioned committee directed to DAN MORGAN of Hamden, Conn. b2

A photographic copy of this letter is located in NH 100-1191-Sub 1-12.

Information furnished by this informant should be carefully protected for report purposes in view of the sensitive nature of the information.

The letter is as follows:

(2) - New York (RM)

4 - New Haven

(1 - 100-14203)

(1 - [REDACTED] b7c

(1 - [REDACTED]

(1 - 100-1191-Sub 1-12)

WAY:ask

(6)

100-107111-3962

[REDACTED] b7c ✓

NH 100-14203

"COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"940 Broadway (Entrance on 22nd Street) New York  
10, N.Y.

"Algonquin 4-9983

"October 15th, 1959.

"Mrs. Morton Sobell  
Mrs. Rose Sobell  
Chairmen

"Mr. Dan Morgan  
227 Franklin Street  
Hamden, Connecticut.

"HONORARY SPONSORS  
(partial listing)

Rev. Gross W.  
Alexander  
David Andrews  
Rabbi J. S. Basa  
Helen M. Beardsley  
Leo Berman  
Rabbi Samuel Bernstein  
Lloyd Donnell  
Prof. Kermit Eby  
Rev. John E. Evans  
Rabbi Morris Fishman  
Rev. Kenneth Ripley  
Forbes  
Waldo Frank  
Rev. G. Shubert Frye  
Rev. Erwin A. Gaede  
Maxwell Geismar  
Rabbi Robert E. Goldberg  
Prof. Erwin B. Goodnough  
Rabbi Avery Grossfield  
Judge Norval K. Harris  
Dr. A. Eustace Haydon  
Rev. Clarence D. Herriott  
Russell Johnson  
Rev. John Paul Jones  
Rev. Joseph P. King  
Ted LeBerthon  
Dr. Milton Lester

"Dear Mr. Morgan:-

"If the situation were different with Dr. Uphaus, I would be writing this letter to him, but I can't bring myself to ask him to help us when his own case is going so badly. He is such a wonderful person that I'm sure that he would again give us time he should be spending on his own affairs.

"We are most encouraged by the fine progress on the Appeal by Clergymen. An effective appeal has been printed, signed by some 300 clergymen whose names will appear on this form, leaving space for the clergymen who receive the form, in the mail or in person, to sign. It is our intention to gather as many as possible of such signatures, and then to hope that a representative group of ministers might meet with President Eisenhower, to present him with these during the Thanksgiving-Christmas amnesty season.

NH 100-14203

Daniel G. Marshall  
Dr. Leo Mayer  
Louis F. McCabe  
Rev. Peter McCormack  
Dr. Gardner Murphy  
Rev. Dryden Linsley  
Phelps  
Prof. Dale Pontius  
Howard B. Radest  
Prof. Anstol Rapaport  
Lord Bertrand Russell  
Prof. Malcolm Sharp  
Dr. D. R. Sharpe  
Rev. Francis S. Tucker  
Dr. Harold C. Urey

"So that all areas will be effectively represented in this powerful appeal, and in other phases of our work, it is considered desirable that a regional work-meeting be convened in New York. We have tentatively settled on the week-end of November 7-8th for this.

"Please let us know immediately whether this timing is convenient for you. We know that is something should prevent your participation in this conference you will arrange for a suitable alternative.

(The remainder of letter is illegible.)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 4/7/60

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On 3/10/60 [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a letter from DAN MORGAN to Prof. MALCOLM P. SHARP, University of Chicago Law School. *ba*

A photographic copy of this letter is in NH 100-1191-Sub 1-11.

Information furnished by this informant should be carefully protected for report purposes in view of the sensitive nature of this information.

The letter is as follows:

"227 Franklin Road  
Hamden 17, Connecticut

"April 17, 1958

"Prof. Malcolm P. Sharp  
University of Chicago Law School  
Chicago, Illinois

"Dear Prof. Sharp:

"Dr. Willard Uphaus and I have been making some initial preparations in New Haven aimed at holding a meeting on behalf of Morton Sobell.

- 2 - New York (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (RM)
  - (1 - 100- ) (Sobell Committee)
  - (1 - [REDACTED]) *b7c*
- 5 - New Haven
  - (1 - 100-14203)
  - (1 - 100-1191-Sub 1-11)
  - (1 - [REDACTED]) *b7c*
  - (1 - [REDACTED])
  - (1 - [REDACTED])

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*b7c*

NH 100-14203

We have contacted a number of prominent local citizens including five faculty members at Yale University with the proposal that they act as a sponsoring committee for such a meeting.

"They have all agreed to the general idea when contacted separately, and we hope to be able to get them together in the immediate future to reach agreement on concrete plans.

"Ted Jacobs with whom we have been in contact has suggested that we contact you about the possibility of your speaking here before such a meeting which would probably be held in Dwight Hall on the campus.

"Unfortunately there is a very short span of time within which we can yet hold a meeting this spring. University examinations commence May 19, and the meeting must be before then or be put off until the Fall. Although everything would have to work out agreeably with no hitches anywhere to hold a meeting in such a short time, still we do not want to give up that possibility unless forced to.

"Is there any possibility that you might be able to speak here on the case some evening probably between May 10 and 18? If you cannot or we cannot complete other plans in time either, are you agreeable to a tentative plan to speak here in the Fall? Dr. Uphaus and I would like to present some kind of picture of the possibilities for a prominent academic speaker to the sponsoring committee when it meets soon which would have the effect of injecting a note of encouragement and enthusiasm in the group.

"Naturally, if you are able to come here next month, we would confirm the date and other arrangements at the very earliest possible time.

"Very truly yours,

"cc: Dr. Willard Uphaus"

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

4/7/60

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

On 3/10/60 [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a letter directed to DAN MORGAN from the New York Office on captioned committee, which also enclosed a sample letter directed to the President asking for freedom for SOBELL, who is now in his tenth year of imprisonment. b2

A photographic copy of this material is located in NH 100-1191-Sub 1-13.

The letter and attachment are as follows:

- 3 - New York (RM)
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NH 100-14203

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 4/7/60

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On 3/10/60 [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a letter directed to DAN MORGAN from the New York Office on captioned committee, which also enclosed a sample letter directed to the President asking for freedom for SOBELL, who is now in his tenth year of imprisonment. b2

A photographic copy of this material is located in NH 100-1191-Sub 1-13.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

4/7/60

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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ReCillet 3/31/60, captioned as above, regarding

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WFO has no information showing that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has ever had connections with the Sobell Committee  
or has ever been contacted by representatives of this group.

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The Bureau may desire to examine its file concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] before proceeding with the recommendation  
in relet.

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- 1 - Cleveland (100-20243) (Info) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-107111) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - WFO
- (1 - [REDACTED])

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SAC, New Haven (100-14203)

April 8, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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It would appear that Louis Zemel is very close to the top leadership of the CSJMS. A strong possibility exists that he may be an organizer of a Sobell Committee branch in your territory. In view of Zemel's connection with the CSJMS, you should reopen your case and conduct sufficient investigation to determine whether a Sobell Committee branch is now operating in your area and whether Zemel is the leader of such a group. In view of Zemel's admitted wealth,

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[REDACTED] determine whether Zemel is making large contributions to the CSJMS and could be considered an angel of this organization. It is noted that you closed your case concerning this matter on 12-22-55. You should, therefore, prepare a report incorporating all information not previously furnished the Bureau as well as results of your current investigation.

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1 - New York (100-107111)

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>IS - C; ISA, 1950</b>	

~~SYNOPSIS~~

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] **b7C**, Seattle, dated 9/15/59.

STATUS: - P\*

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Sources used in the characterization of the following organizations were:

**FREE PRESS DISCUSSION CLUB** [REDACTED] **b7D**  
**YOUNG POLITICAL EXPLORERS LEAGUE** [REDACTED]  
**INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST PARTY** [REDACTED]

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SE 100-22197

One copy of this report is designated for  
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SE T-13 is [REDACTED]

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SE T-14 is [REDACTED]

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LEAD:

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the local branch of subject organization.

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Copy to: 1 - DIO, 13th ND (REG.)  
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: SEATTLE  
Date: APR 8 1960  
File Number: SE 100-22197 BUfile: 100-387835  
Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

Synopsis: The Seattle Sobell Committee uses 316-317 Second and Cherry Building, Seattle, Washington, for mailing address. Officers are JODIE HEATLIE, Chairman; CAROLINE CANAFAX, Secretary; and ART MINK, Treasurer. The Seattle Committee continues to hold meetings, raise funds, [REDACTED] the release of MORTON SOBELL.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

I. OFFICERS

On January 25, 1960 SE T-1 advised that JODIE HEATLIE is Organizer and Director for the Seattle Sobell Committee. Other officers, according to the same source, are CAROLINE CANAFAX, Secretary, and ART MINK, Treasurer.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On April 4, 1960 SE T-2 advised that JODIE HEATLIE is a current member of the ~~Socialist Workers Party~~ in Seattle.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 28, 1960 SE T-3 advised that CAROLINE CANAFAX is a current member of the ~~Communist Party~~ in Seattle.

The Communist Party, USA, (CP), has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 4, 1960 SE T-4 advised that ART MINK was a former member of the Warehouse Communist Party Club in Seattle.

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II. LOCATION

[REDACTED] the Seattle Sobell Committee  
[REDACTED] 316 Second and Cherry Building,  
Seattle 4, Washington.

Sources: [REDACTED] b7d

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SE T-1 has subsequently advised that the Sobell Committee also uses the address of Room 317, Second and Cherry Building; however, that this is just a mailing address and they have no office at this location.

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The April 27, 1959 edition of "The Militant,"  
a weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers  
Party, page 4, column 4, describes Doctor  
ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN as an author, critic,  
and 1958 Independent Socialist candidate  
for Lieutenant Governor of New York, who  
had recently returned from a national  
lecture tour. The Independent Socialist  
Party is characterized in the above  
mentioned article as follows:



[REDACTED]

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V. RELATION WITH SUBVERSIVE GROUPS

A. COMMUNIST PARTY

These sources advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] while attending a meeting of that club [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] asked the membership for money to help free MORTON SOBELL.

Sources: SE T-4 [REDACTED]  
SE T-10 [REDACTED]  
SE T-11 [REDACTED]  
SE T-12 [REDACTED]

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B. FREE PRESS DISCUSSION CLUB

See Appendix for characterization.

On [REDACTED] SE T-13 advised that at a meeting of the [REDACTED] held on [REDACTED] a letter was read coming from the Seattle Sobell Committee, and asking that this letter be released to the local newspapers in the Spokane area at the same time as an appeal would be made to the President of the United States for the parole of MORTON SOBELL.

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C. SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (SWP)

On [REDACTED] advised that at a Socialist Workers Party meeting held at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] announced that a public meeting of the Sobell Committee would be held during late November, 1959, and urged the membership to attend. b7d

[REDACTED]

D. WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (WCPFB)

See Appendix for characterization.

On [REDACTED] reported that during a WCPFB meeting [REDACTED] handed out cards asking President EISENHOWER to commute the sentence of MORTON SOBELL. b7d

On March 28, 1960 [REDACTED] advised that CECILIA COBB was a current member of the [REDACTED] Party. b7c, d

E. YOUNG POLITICAL EXPLORERS LEAGUE (YPEL)

See Appendix for characterization.

On September 3, 1959 SE T-14 furnished a copy of the August, 1959 issue of the "League Explorer," official publication of the YPEL, in which an article appeared concerning a visit to Seattle and a meeting held featuring Mrs. MORTON SOBELL on July 25, 1959.

APPENDIXFREE PRESS DISCUSSION CLUB

A source advised on [REDACTED] that the Free Press Discussion Club, Spokane, Washington, was initiated by action of the Spokane Local of the Washington Pension Union as a forum to commence meetings on December 6, 1953. Officers selected by the FPDC, according to later reports by the same informant, have been predominantly members of the Communist Party, USA. On February 16, 1955, source stated that the purpose of the FPDC is to raise funds for the "Daily People's World" and the "National Guardian" through a program of dinners, socials and other activities, and although some of the participants are non-communists, nevertheless the FPDC undoubtedly would cease its existence but for the support of Communist Party Members. b7d

The Washington Pension Union has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," was described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as the "West Coast mouthpiece of the Communist Party." The 1949 report of the same committee cited the "National Guardian" as a publication which from its inception was notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and contents.

Another source, on [REDACTED] advised that the Free Press Discussion Club sponsored a meeting held at Spokane, Washington, [REDACTED].

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## APPENDIX

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, aka  
NORTHWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

"The Lamp", official organ of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), in its August, 1949, issue reported that the Northwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NWCPFB) was established at Seattle, Washington in July, 1949, as a part of the ACPFB. The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mrs. BARBARA HARTLE, admitted member and officer of the Communist Party in Washington State during the period 1934 to 1954, testified on December 13, 1956, that the NWCPFB in 1954 changed its name and became the Washington Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (WCPFB); that the NWCPFB, the WCPFB and the ACPFB were parts of the same organization; that the WCPFB was controlled lock, stock and barrel by the Communist conspiracy; and that WCPFB officers MARION KINNEY, Executive Secretary; CECILIA CORR, Treasurer; and CLARA A. PAULSON, Recording Secretary, were each known to her as a "Communist".

A mimeographed letter disseminated in November, 1956, with the return address of the WCPFB, stated that, "The Committee is an unaffiliated non-partisan body devoted to the preservation of democratic rights of all foreign born residents of the United States. Its program is to arouse widespread and unceasing public protest against the application of the hundreds of unfair and inhumane provisions of the Walter-McCarran law... We work to effect repeal of the law and to secure enactment of a humane democratic immigration code. We help provide legal defense and public support to any foreign born person requesting our assistance."

In late February or early March, 1960, an announcement relating to a WCPFB forum to be presented at Seattle on March 4, 1960, was disseminated in the vicinity of Seattle.

APPENDIX

## YOUNG POLITICAL EXPLORERS LEAGUE

A source advised that REE ANNE HALONEN, daughter of OIVA HALONEN, who was then the Chairman of the Communist Party's Industrial Section at Seattle, had stated on July 29, 1957 that the youth group in Seattle was considering adoption of the name Young Political Explorers.

A second source advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee, CP, USA, on May 23, 1958, expressed the need for a national training school and for the re-establishment of a national Youth Commission. She said that the Northwest had the only organized Party-led political youth organization, a group called the Young Political Explorers.

[REDACTED]

She stated there were two groups in Washington and the Seattle group had 15 active members. The age limits were from 12 to 20 years of age. The purpose of the group was to examine all political ideas, including socialism.

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[REDACTED]

The youths had chosen the name of Young Political Explorers, which is a state-wide organization and was formerly known as the Labor Youth League. [REDACTED] stated it is directly supported and directed by the Communist Party and concentrates on teenagers from 12 to 20.

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The Labor Youth League and the CP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]

said the Young Political Explorers League was the only Marxist youth movement in the whole country.

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The fifth source reported that [REDACTED] stated that he had attended the regular summer youth camp held near Port Angeles, Washington. He said about thirty young people attended the camp, which consisted mostly of swimming and fun with lectures and discussions held each day. The subjects of the lectures were:

1. Marxism - Leninism
2. Socialism
3. Criticism of Democracy and Capitalism
4. The future of the youth under Socialism

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APPENDIX

INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST PARTY

The "National Guardian", February 7, 1958 issue, contained an advertisement from the National Committee, Socialist Workers Party, headed "For a United Socialist Ticket", which advertisement stated in part that it should be possible to work out a platform which could be agreed upon by various tendencies for combined action in the 1958 elections, after which the campaign could be organized. The advertisement urged that the Committee's proposal for a United Socialist Ticket in 1958 be considered with fraternal understanding.

In May, 1958, a confidential source reported that during meetings of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held that month it had been decided that the SWP comrades would be expected to attend the June 13-15, 1958, conference of the organization.

"The Militant", June 2, 1958, in referring to conferenced to be held at New York City during June, 1958, which would begin efforts to place a United Independent Socialist ticket on the New York ballot in 1958, pledged its maximum resources for a fighting United Socialist Campaign needed in NY.

The "New York Times", June 14, 1958, reporting on a conference of captioned organization the previous day, reflected that BEN J. DAVIS, Chairman, New York State Communist Party (CP), favored a single candidate; however, there was vigorous dissension to this proposal. The sponsors of the conference were described as containing remnants of the defunct American Labor Party and the SWP. The June 16, 1958 issue of the "New York Times", in an article again relating to the conference held June 13-15, 1958, disclosed the CP proposal to name only one candidate for the State ballot was defeated 154 to 81.

The "New York Post", June 16, 1958, related concerning captioned organization that the new grouping of "Leftists", "in which the Communist element had been reduced to a secondary role - - - or none at all - - -" had begun selection of candidates.

An article appearing in the "New York Post", July 25, 1958, related in part that captioned organization would be known henceforth as the Independent Socialist Party (ISP).

From its inception the ISP has, in numerous public sources, been designated by several variations of its name, the most frequent of which follows:

- Independent Socialist Party
- United Independent Socialist Election Conference
- United Independent Socialist Party
- United Socialist Group
- United Socialist Party
- United Socialist Ticket
- United Independent Socialist Campaign Committee
- United Independent Socialist Election Committee
- United Socialist Conference

The article appearing in the "New York Post", July 25, 1958, further set out that ISP headquarters were located at 799 Broadway, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly.\*\*\*Although it denied having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Merton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

"The Militant" is the weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

100-22197

Seattle, Washington

APR 8 1960

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Reference is made to the report of Special  
Agent [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above  
at Seattle.

Confidential informants utilized in referenced  
report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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LOS ANGELES

FOR THE FREEDOM OF  
MORTON SOBELL  
IN KEEPING WITH  
THE SPIRIT OF PASSOVER  
We invite you to celebrate  
with us at a  
DINNER OF DISTINCTION  
THE TRADITIONAL DISHES  
Prepare to make this Sun., Apr. 11  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>4/12/60</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/11/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka. National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <b>B7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>ef</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee,  
dated 10/12/59. **B7C**

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Special Agents of the FBI who observed on January 25, 1960, the persons entering the residence of JOHN GILMAN were Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

MI T-1 is [REDACTED]

MI T-2 is [REDACTED]

MI T-3 is [REDACTED]

MI T-4 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-6 is [REDACTED] b7D

LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report within the next six months the activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - G-2, Chicago (RM)  
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] *B7C*  
Date: 4/12/60

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 100-11982

Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title: ~~NATIONAL~~ COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Synopsis:

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DETAILS:

The Communist Party (CP) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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MILWAUKEE HEADQUARTERS

(MI T-3, 6/29/59)

A printed throwaway entitled, "Today's Verdict in the Case of Morton Sobell," dated July, 1959 and identified as "published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" listed thirteen adjuncts of the Committee, one of which was the "Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 914 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, phone BRoadway 2-1130."

(MI T-4, 12/18/59)

The headquarters of the Sobell Committee in Milwaukee were in the process of moving downstairs in the same

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building. The move was made in view of the heating difficulties experienced that month.

OFFICERS

(MI T-2, 10/30/59)

Chairman of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee was JOHN GILMAN.

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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[REDACTED] b7d  
(MI T-6, 10/30/59)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7d  
On November 17, 1959, letters were received by the Milwaukee Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from [REDACTED] and from [REDACTED]

The letters enclosed a form letter dated November 4, 1959, on the stationery of the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 914 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and were addressed to "Dear Friend." They bore the printed signature of JOHN GILMAN. The form letter read as follows:

"The joyous holiday season is swiftly approaching. The time of mellow friendship, of warm fireplaces and glowing children; the happy time of family reunions.

"At this glad time of 'good will toward men' the Sobell family should not remain separated. Morton Sobell has been transferred from Alcatraz to Atlanta penitentiary (due to public protest) and has now served nine years.



"Nine years of imprisonment is a long time for anyone. For an innocent man whose life is dribbling away, and for his family, this is torture.

"The President of the United States each Christmas season grants amnesty to prisoners whom he deems have been excessively punished. The continuation of this ancient and humanitarian custom offers us the opportunity to bring together, at long last, the Sobell family.

"Please help, let the President know that failing a new trial, a complete vindication of Morton Sobell, at least his life need not be wasted.

"Please write to President Eisenhower to tell him that the people want the Sobells together again."

Special Agents of the FBI observed on January 25, 1960, that two persons, MATT PIRKER and CORA BERBERICH, arrived together in PIRKER's car in front of the residence of JOHN GILMAN, 2851 North 1st Street, Milwaukee, at 8 PM. They observed PIRKER and CORA BERBERICH enter the GILMAN residence. Fifteen minutes later they also observed another man and woman arrive in a car, the car carried Wisconsin license L 57-128, and they entered the GILMAN home.

Wisconsin license L57-238 was registered during 1960 to ALBERT STERGAR, 4666 North Sherman Boulevard, Milwaukee, according to records of the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Department.

[REDACTED] MATT PIRKER, CORA BERBERICH and ALBERT STERGAR were all Sobell Committee members.

b7d On March 1, 1960, the Milwaukee FBI Office received from the [REDACTED] material which, according to [REDACTED] was originally sent to [REDACTED] The material consisted of the following:

1. A letter to President Eisenhower signed by the co-chairmen of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, HELEN and ROSE SOBELL, dated January 5, 1960, and enclosing the Committee's "report to Dwight D. Eisenhower....for the period of January 1, 1959, to January 1, 1960."

2. Mimeographed letter dated February 26, 1960, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, addressed to "Dear Fellow American," and signed by seven Milwaukee clergymen. The letter urged clemency for SOBELL and asserted that "evidence in recent years has cast further doubt on the entire case." The seven clergymen were:

Rev. KENNETH SMITH, Hulburt Baptist Church  
Rev. RAYMOND LEY, Zion Evangelical and Reform  
Rev. M. J. BATTLE, Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. A. C. PITTMAN, Underwood Memorial Church  
Rev. JOHN W. CYRUS, Unitarian  
Rev. LUCIUS WALKER, JR., Christian Center  
Rabbi DAVID S. SHAPIRO, Anshe Sfard Synagogue

3. A copy of a page from the "Capital Times," a daily newspaper at Madison, Wisconsin, dated June 28, 1956, and containing a book review by AUGUST DERLETH, an author at Sauk City, Wisconsin, entitled, "Minority Report: Rosenberg Case Book, John Wexley, Author, An Exhaustive Work," the review declaring that the book called "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," "...despite its obvious bias makes it manifest that the American public did not have at any time an adequate statement of all the facts pertinent to the case."

The "Milwaukee Sentinel" in its issue of March 13, 1960, carried an article headlined "Six Area Ministers, Rabbi Join Sobell Clemency Plea." Parts of the article follow:

"Six Protestant ministers and one rabbi of the Milwaukee area have joined their voices to the eight-year campaign seeking clemency for MORTON SOBELL, convicted during the Korean War of conspiring with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG to spy for Russia.

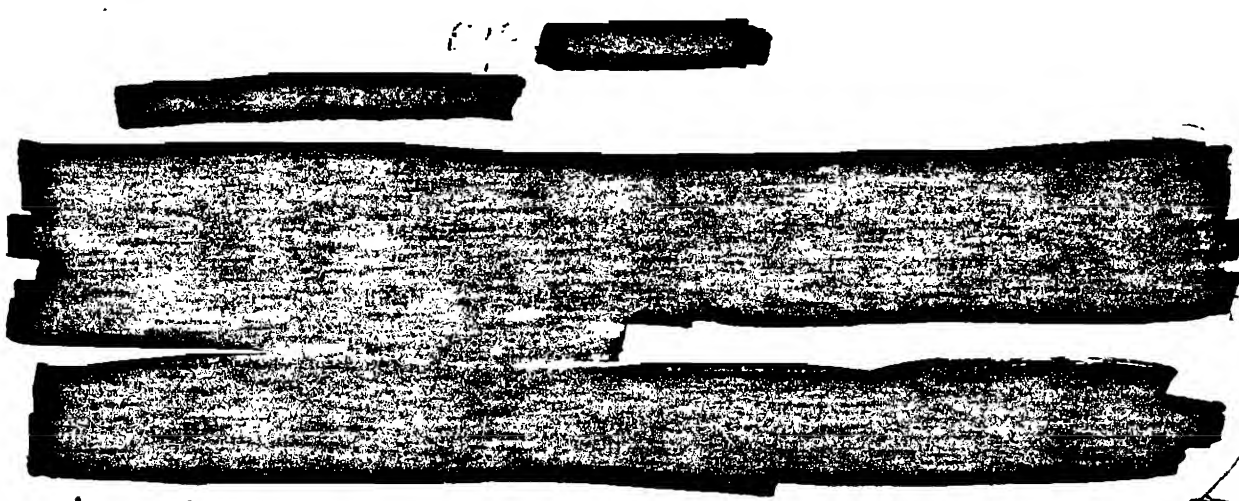
"They distributed a protest that the U. S. Supreme Court 'has never reviewed the case,' although in fact the Supreme Court considered eight appeals from 1952 through 1958 and rejected each as unworthy of a formal review.....

"The Milwaukee clergymen issued a statement urging appeals to President Eisenhower to grant clemency to SOBELL. They said SOBELL was convicted 'during the height of national hysteria,' and they believe 'regardless of arguments for innocence or guilt of MORTON SOBELL, there can be no justification for the 30-year sentence imposed upon him on the flimsy evidence presented'

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"The case, they claimed, 'is one of the dark shadows hanging over American jurisprudence.' They distributed with their appeal some material issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell....."

The article identifies the local clergymen as those listed above beginning with the Rev. KENNETH SMITH of the Hulburt Baptist Church.



**MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**

A source advised on October 15, 1953 that a national conference on the Rosenberg - Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois and that as a result a Milwaukee Branch of the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee was formed.

A second source advised during November, 1955, that the Milwaukee Branch had been inactive since the preceding spring.

On August 2, 1957, a source advised that the Milwaukee Branch of the Sobell Committee was reactivated July 29, 1957.

[REDACTED]  
purpose of the Committee was to get Sobell's case before the United States Supreme Court.

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On [REDACTED] a source advised that the Communist Party, in reactivating the Sobell Committee, realized that there were not enough Communist Party members in Milwaukee to make the Committee effective. Consequently [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Socialist Workers Party was asked to join forces with the Communist Party in the Sobell Committee. The coalition was agreed to by the Socialist Workers Party.

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On [REDACTED] a source advised that the chairman, who was John Gilman, the treasurer and the majority of the Milwaukee Committee members were members of the Communist Party. The source also named the then vice-chairman and secretary of the Committee, persons whom another source identified as Socialist Workers Party members as of July 26, 1957. b7d

On October 30, 1959, a source reported that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was one of the committees affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell; that the Milwaukee Committee had held regular meetings since its reactivation; that the Committee chairman and vice-chairman, serving since the reactivation, were Gilman and Wayne Leverenz, the latter of whom was active in the Socialist Workers Party; and that the Committee still existed for the purpose mentioned above.

APPENDIX

~~SECRET~~

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell," the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case".

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated 1/2/57 issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60)

In September, 1954 the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
April 12, 1960

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The informants referred to in the above report have furnished  
reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it  
nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to  
which loaned.

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per O-17 of 5/10/60  
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Bureau letter to St. Louis dated 4/7/60.

[REDACTED] was recontacted personally on [REDACTED] in regard to a report furnished by him dated [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]

With reference to the individual listed by informant in the above described informant report as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] spelled their names phonetically. Informant further advised it is possible [REDACTED] was the individual actually mentioned [REDACTED]

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
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1 - St. Louis

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SAC, NEW YORK. (100-10711)

4/13/60

SAC, [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: New York)

On February 26, 1960, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made the following items available to SA [REDACTED]. These items were received by [REDACTED] via the United States mails on December 21, 1959. b7d

- (1) Mimeographed letter, dated December, 1959, signed by ROSE SOBELL of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.
- (2) Business reply envelope addressed to SOBELL Committee, New York City.
- (3) Form letter addressed to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, The White House, Washington, D.C., with space for signature.

The above items are being enclosed for the New York Division.

The original information is located in [REDACTED] file [REDACTED] b7d

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2 - [REDACTED] b7d

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-10711)

DATE: 4/13/60

FROM : SAC, [REDACTED] b7d

egm, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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See Me	
Call Me	

EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION

*Please forward to  
Sac, New York*

Routing Unit

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 4/20/60

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-12292)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: New York)

Re Bureau O-1 form dated 4/8/60.

Miami contacted **JEAN FELDMAN**, who is active on behalf of the captioned organization **in Miami**, in an attempt to learn of **her** attitude toward the FBI. **FELDMAN** said **she** has always been active on behalf of SOBELL and plans to continue **her** activities, but had nothing further to disclose to the FBI.

**[REDACTED]**

Miami will continue efforts to obtain additional coverage through interviews.

The agent to whom this case is assigned has been out of the division for six weeks due to In-Service Training and emergency annual leave due to the serious illness of his father.

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2 - Bureau (RM)  
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2 - Miami

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
(100-417692)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  
(100-44995)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN, aka  
SM - C

Re Los Angeles Cinal airtels to the Bureau, captioned  
"COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL," dated  
4/7, 13/60, and Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 4/14/60, with  
same caption.

The following information was substantially the  
subject of referenced Cinals:

- 4 - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
② - New York (Encl. 1) (100-107111 CSJMS) (REGISTERED)  
2 - WFO (Encl. 1) (100-25474 CSJMS) (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-37276 IRMA VIVIAN NEWMAN)  
2 - Los Angeles

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The following is NEWMAN's description:



LA 100-41648

100-44995

Race

Age

Born

Height

Weight

Build

Hair

Eyes

Marital status

Peculiarities

Automobile

White

34

June 20, 1925

New York, New York

5'3"

110

Medium

Black

Green

Single

Attractive, neat dresser

1959 Peugeot 4-door sedan

California license SM 100

Photographs of NEWMAN are enclosed for Washington  
Field and New York.

4/21/60

PLAIN TEXT

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)  
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)  
SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TOMPKINS was described as the initiator of an appeal to clergymen of Chicago for freedom for MORTON SOBELL. This appeal received a response from more than 200 clergymen.

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[REDACTED] learned that Reverend TOMPKINS was visiting Washington, D.C., 4/19-21/60, to implement further support of the Sobell Case through executive and judicial channels. TOMPKINS will allegedly stop in a number of Eastern cities on his way back to Chicago.

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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The 4/21/60 edition of the "New Haven Journal-Courier," a daily morning newspaper published at New Haven, Conn., contains an article captioned, "To Discuss Spy Case," which reflects that a meeting to discuss the case of convicted spy MORTON SOBELL will be held at 5:00 P.M. on 4/27/60 at the Center Church Parish House, 311 Temple St., New Haven, Conn. According to this article, Rev. ALVA TOMPKINS, Oliver Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., who has collected 200 signatures in the Chicago area on behalf of SOBELL, will be present at the meeting.

On 4/21/60 DAVID KIERMAN, Television News Director, WNHC, New Haven, Conn., advised he was contacted on that date by an individual whose name was unknown to him, who furnished KIERMAN with an announcement of the above meeting and other literature issued by

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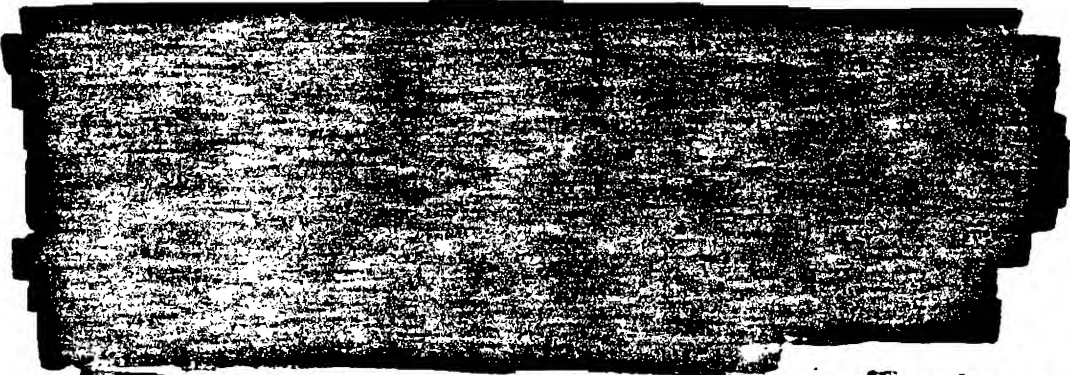
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the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS). The announcement contained the names of several ministers in New Haven, Conn., and several professors of Yale University, who indicated they desired the above meeting to be brought to the attention of individuals interested in discussing the SOBELL case. KIERNAN advised that the above individual requested a television interview of Rev. ALVA TOMPKINS on 4/27/60, which request was denied by KIERNAN.

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[REDACTED] requested, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the above-captioned meeting was arranged by RAOUL KULBERG, 126 Hoyt St. (Apt. 4-J), Stamford, Conn., who is working for the CSJMS in New York City.  
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File of New Haven Office does not contain any information concerning RAOUN. The above matter is being closely followed by New Haven Office and results of investigation concerning above will be furnished the Bureau and the New York Office.

Documentation of CSJMS is attached.

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
- SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 4/22/60

FROM :

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

*Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell*  
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CHARACTERIZATION  
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The deadline for this project is May 17, 1960.

Pursuant to instructions set forth in Part II, Section 4, pages 21-23 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the NYO must submit annually by June 1, certain information concerning the characterization of organizations.

The above-captioned organization is among those organizations on which a characterization has previously been submitted and should be brought up-to-date, or one on which a characterization should be submitted.

SA [REDACTED] is assigned to review the existing thumbnail sketch on captioned organization to determine if the sketch is current or to review the case file and prepare an original sketch where none exists.

All sketches should be rewritten to reflect current status of the organization and should be clear and concise. They should reflect date organization formed; its aims and purposes; subversive initiation, domination, or control; and current status. Information in the sketch should be attributed to "a confidential source" and no T symbols nor evaluation of the sources should be reflected in the sketch. The identity and evaluation of the sources used should be reflected at the end of the sketch with sufficient spacing to indicate it is not part of the sketch. This should be followed with the statement "Careful consideration has been given and sources concealed only where absolutely necessary."

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Characterizations of organizations will fall in one of the following categories:

- (A) Organizations which have become defunct since June 1, 1959.
- (B) Newly formed organizations which are pending and concerning which insufficient information exists as yet to prepare a thumbnail sketch.
- (C) All active organizations on which sketches are being submitted for approval.

If the case you are reviewing for this project falls in either of the first two categories, merely submit a memorandum for file with a copy for the thumbnail sketch file (100-90311) reflecting Bureau file and date sketch submitted to Bureau reflecting organization is defunct. If the organization is newly formed submit a memorandum reflecting Bureau file and a statement reflecting information set out in category B. This memorandum should be forwarded to SA [REDACTED] Section 41. b7c

If the organization falls within item C then prepare an up-to-date sketch except in those cases where a current sketch has been submitted since April 1, 1960. In the latter case merely submit a memorandum, as above, reflecting date sketch submitted and Bureau file number.

Letters submitting sketches to the Bureau should be undated and prepared as follows:

Caption

Name of Organization  
Subversive Organization Character  
ization  
Character of Case

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1-NY (Case File)

The copies to the Bureau will consist of the original and one copy. The copy should consist of only the first page of the letter. If approved, the Bureau will stamp "Approved" on the single page copy and return it to the NYO.

At the time that you have the letter prepared, also have a 5 x 8 card typed reflecting the name of the organization at the upper left, Agent's name at top center, and the NY file number at upper right. Then have the sketch, identity and evaluation of sources, and statement about "Careful consideration" typed on the remainder of the card. Have your supervisor initial the card at lower left corner at the same time he initials the letter for transmittal to the Bureau. The letter, with card attached, should be forwarded to SA [REDACTED], Section 41, and they will all be transmitted to the Bureau by means of a cover letter. b7c

Remember not to date the letters to the Bureau and submit all memorandums or letters by May 17, 1960.

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SAC, St. Louis (100-11726)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
ISA of 1950  
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RE: St. Louis letter to the Bureau dated 3/23/60.

Transmitted herewith for the information of and the  
retention by the Bureau and New York Division, [REDACTED]

which were [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] b7d

3. [REDACTED] b7d

The original of these documents were received [REDACTED]

by [REDACTED]

One copy of each document is being made an exhibit  
in [REDACTED] b7d

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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(OO: NY)

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April 11, 1960

On this date I observed the photographs of two individuals identified to me as being photographs of [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

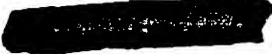
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SAC, Albany (100-13260)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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OO: New York


Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above for the Bureau and one copy for the New York office.

The confidential informant mentioned therein is

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albany, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 27, 1960

SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On April 26, 1960, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A leaflet furnished by the informant described Reverend TOMPKINS as "the courageous Chicago Presbyterian Minister now making an Eastern tour on behalf of Morton Sobell."

[REDACTED] Reverend TOMPKINS [REDACTED] stated that he was going to Washington, D. C. to present an appeal to President EISENHOWER for SOBELL's release. The informant stated that important in the appeal to the President are the names of lawyers, clergymen, and military men. The informant was not able to furnish the date of the proposed trip to Washington, D. C. or the names of the lawyers, clergymen or military men.

The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b7d